GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6479
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
RESERVES OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
CHINMAYANAND;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes are being chalked out to explore the vast reserves of Petroleum and Natural Gas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose;

(d) whether surveys have also been conducted at some places in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(e): A statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6479 for answer on 8.5.2000

(a) and (b): The 9th Plan targets of exploratory work, along with the work done during the years 1997-2000 and plans for the year 2000-01 of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) and Oil India Ltd.(OIL), the national oil companies, are given below: ONGC

Activities
9th Plan Target
Actual

(1997-2000)
Plan for 2000-01
Seismic Surveys
Onland
2D (GLK eq.) Â£
3D(GLK eq). Â£

17810
19639

12062
39183

4302
12725
Offshore
2D (LKM) $
3D(LKM) $

12925
167000

5584
309355

27500
37500
Exploratory Drilling
Onland/offshore
Wells (Nos.)

692

401

180

OIL

Activities
9th Plan Target
Actual

(1997-2000)
Plan for 2000-01
Seismic Surveys
Onland
2D (SLK) &
2D(GLK) +
3D (Sq.km.) ++

5912
1460
766

3944
510
500

1400
1145
350

Offshore
2D (LKM) $
3D(LKM) $

1000
-

-
-

1000
1000
Exploratory Drilling
Onland/Offshore
Wells (Nos.)

83

33

16

(c): The funds earmarked by NOCs for the current year i.e. 2000-01 for exploration are Rs.2452 crores approximately.

(d) and (e): Surveys have been conducted by ONGC, OIL and Directorate General of Hydrocarbons in the following basins: Cambay basin, Himalyan Foothills, Vindhyan basin, Cauvery basin, Krishna-Godavari basin, Upper Assam basin, Assam-Arakan Fold belt, Ganga Valley basin, Rajasthan basin, Jaisalmer basin, Kutch-Saurastra basin, Satpura basin, Damodar basin and East Coast and West Coast basin.

Â£ GLK Eq. = Ground Line Kilometre Equivalent
$ LKM = Line Kilometre
& SLK = Standard Line Kilometre
+ GLK = Ground Line Kilometre
++ Sq.Km. = Square Kilometre